

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
August 4, 2015**

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Dexter Kinsella, Steven M. Romano

OTHERS: Allan Walker

Robert Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2015, were approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: NONE

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of August 6, 2015, in the amount of \$42,871.18. It was noted that included in the payroll and warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$15,985.96, and the warrant in the amount of \$26,885.22. Voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT:

Bob Valentine reported that Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, is working on re-bidding the pipe replacement project at Woodridge Lake. Garret Harlow is also looking into the possibility of adding another Woodridge Lake drainage project, with the possibility of combining both projects.

Bob Valentine reported that Sandra Welwood and Dan Poppalardo, (Sandra E. Welwood, LLC.) are continuing the audit of the financial records for the town. The process is proceeding very well.

The Crab trees located on the grounds of the Town Hall have been trimmed; compliments have been received on fine grooming of the landscaping from those visiting Town Hall.

Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, and David Battista, (Lenard Engineering) met to discuss roads in Goshen that are subject to *general maintenance*. This category is an integral part of the Ten-Year Road Plan created by Lenard Engineering to be proactive in addressing road conditions and fixes to defray large expensive road projects in the future. Some roads can use “overlay” now, in preparation for the next step of chip sealing.

Bob Valentine, announced that Goshen’s Jim O’Leary has been chosen **2015 NESEC Award Nominee**. This honor was received from William J. Hackett, State of Connecticut Emergency Management Director, under the Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security. This award recognizes Jim’s many years of dedication to creating superior emergency management plans for the town of Goshen. A formal certificate of recognition from the State of Connecticut will be presented to Jim at a future Board of Selectmen meeting.

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IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to add item 8b. under Old Business: *Shelbourne Drive Engineering and Surveying Services*. Voted unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

The *Town of Goshen Fiscal Policies & Procedures* has received a very thorough review by the Accounting Consultant, Debbie Franklin, Rhonda Gelormino, the Board of Finance and our new auditors, Sandra E. Welwood and Dan Poppalardo. A final draft has now been created.

Bob Valentine reported that two proposals have been received for land surveying for Lots 221, and 222 on Shelbourne Drive:

Ronald E. McCarthy Land Surveyor, LLC \$2,800
241 Torrington Road/Route 4
Goshen, CT 06756

Berkshire Engineering & Surveying, LLC. \$1,650
143 Bantam Lake Road
Bantam, CT 06750

It was noted that Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, also reviewed both of these above proposals, along with a site visit to Shelbourne Drive. A discussion took place on the merits of each proposal.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to waive the standard purchasing policy, noting that Berkshire already has compiled pertinent data from a previous project on Shelbourne Drive, therefore it is unreasonable to believe the other bidder would be able to do the work necessary for less cost, thus the work on Shelbourne Drive will be awarded to **Berkshire Engineering & Surveying, LLC**. Voted unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

A brief discussion took place on replacing some pipes that have become corroded at Tyler Lake. Various remedies along with the type of replacement pipe to be used were discussed.

Steven Romano announced that the Lake Weed Committee will have a booth set up at the upcoming Goshen Fair. The theme from the Committee will promote "awareness" of the water quality of the three lakes in Goshen.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide